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1. Because of the proximity of the Petesovac and Dolina oil fields to the Hungarian border, as well as because of the extremely strained relations with Hungary, KNOJ border units have been brought into the Prekmurje sector of Mursko Sredisce as reinforcements. These units, approximately two battalions strong, have replaced the reduced Militia guard units which formerly policed this area. The reinforcements arrive at night and are mainly transferred from the Celje area.
2. The entire Hungarian-Yugoslav border area is under close surveillance, and border incidents are frequent. It has become increasingly difficult for Hungarians to cross the border in the Prekmurje sector, and those who are apprehended in the process of crossing are immediately shot as Cominform spies.
3. Anti-aircraft units, ready for action, are stationed around the oil wells. There are two batteries of four 40 mm cannon, type M.41, and eight 80 mm cannon. To protect the wells from floods, a dam three meters high is under construction from Hotiz to Petesovac, and is nearing completion.

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